POW Mail Relay Probed by the FBI

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Rep. Paul Findley (R-Ill.) said yesterday the FBI informed him it has investigated the peace group which relays mail between prisoners of war in North Vietnam and their families.

The investigation was made to determine any possible violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and was terminated last December without any prosecution, Findley quoted the FBI as saying.

The mother of an American POW testified before a House Foreign Relations subcommittee earlier this week that an FBI agent had visited her and warned her to have nothing to do with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Several other relatives of POWs reported similar visits, although they said they did not receive the same warning, and Cora Weiss, co-chairman of the liaison committee, accused the FBI of harassing families to keep them from contacting her group.

Findley said the FBI told him a number of interviews with POW families were conducted last year on request of the Justice Department, but he said the FBI told him the agents did not warn the families against contacts with the committee.